

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the Application as amended. Claims 5, 22 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 31-42 have been added.

### ***Specification Changes***

In the specification, paragraph 1 starting on pages 18-19 has been amended to a correct minor typographical error.

### ***Information Disclosure Statements***

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner did not indicate that the references listed on the PTO-1449 forms submitted on 12/15/03, 12/4/01, 11/6/01, 6/15/01, 5/4/01, 4/26/01, and 11/16/00 were considered and made of record by initialing the corresponding boxes on the PTO-1449 forms. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 forms indicating that the references have been considered and made of record.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

*Invitation for a telephone interview*

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

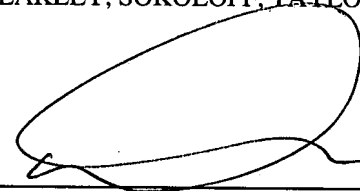
*Charge our Deposit Account*

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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